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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. through 43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) An apparatus to condition a grip on a shaft of a golf club, the apparatus comprising:

an outer cushioned layer that includes a top portion, a bottom portion, an interior surface, an opening formed at the bottom portion, an internal volume defined as the volume bordered by the interior surface of the outer cushioned layer and the opening of the outer cushioned layer, and an exterior surface, wherein the outer cushioned layer is substantially waterproof such that water may not easily directly pass through the outer cushioned layer from the exterior surface of the outer cushioned layer to the interior surface of the outer cushioned layer;

~~an~~ a moisture absorbent member positioned within the internal volume of the outer cushioned layer, the moisture absorbent member operable to receive the grip on the shaft of the golf club through the opening